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El Papa León XIV es "un hombre con muchos dones" que guiará a la Iglesia con sabiduría, afirma el arzobispo

Por Dan Meloy del Detroit Catholic

La mayoría de los católicos recordará perfectamente dónde estaba cuando se anunció que el Papa León XIV se había convertido en el primer pontífice estadounidense.

El Arzobispo de Detroit, Edward J. Weisenburger, recordará que iba volando por Delta. En clase turista, para ser exactos.

"Estábamos rodando por la pista, yo iba en clase turista, apretado junto a otra persona, y apenas apagué el modo avión, mi celular empezó a sonar: 'bip, bip, bip'. Me conecté enseguida a una transmisión en vivo y escuché las palabras: 'Habemus papam'", contó el Arzobispo Weisenburger durante una conferencia de prensa el jueves por la tarde en la Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, poco después de que se conociera la elección del cardenal Robert F. Prevost, oriundo de Chicago, como el Papa número 267.

El Arzobispo Weisenburger, que regresaba de Omaha tras la instalación del Arzobispo Michael G. McGovern, confesó que no pudo levantarse y ponerse a bailar ahí mismo en el avión porque llevaba puesto el cinturón de seguridad.

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Pope Leo XIV, the former Cardinal Robert F. Prevost, waves from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican after his election as pope May 8, 2025.

El Papa León XIV, el excardenal Robert F. Prevost, saluda desde el balcón central de la Basílica de San Pedro en el Vaticano tras su elección como papa el 8 de mayo de 2025.

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Detroit Archbishop Edward Weisenburger: Pope Leo XIV a 'man of many gifts' who will lead Church with grace

By Daniel Meloy for Detroit Catholic / Reprinted with permission

Most Catholics will be well aware of where they were when it was announced that Pope Leo XIV was the first American pope.

Detroit Archbishop Edward J. Weisenburger will remember that he was flying Delta. Coach, to be more precise.

"We were taxiing, and I was in coach and squeezed in next to someone next to me, and just as soon as I turned off the airplane setting, my phone began to go, 'Beep, beep, beep,' and I went straight to a live feed and I heard the actual words, 'Habemus papam,'" Archbishop Weisenburger said during a press conference last Thursday afternoon at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament following the news of the election of Chicago-born Cardinal Robert F. Prevost as the 267th pope.

Archbishop Weisenburger, who was returning from Omaha and the installation of Archbishop Michael G. McGovern, confessed it was just his seatbelt that prevented him from standing up and dancing, right there on the plane.

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Freedom House Breaks Ground to Renovate and Expand its Facility

By Santiago Esparza

A nonprofit dedicated to helping people who migrate to the United States recently broke ground on a $6 million expansion project as the White House steps up its efforts to deport immigrants.

Freedom House Detroit, which has operated in Southwest Detroit for 42 years, is adding 4,900 square feet of residential space and is renovating 5,000 square feet of space at their facility to create bigger living quarters, a large community area, more office space and upgraded bathrooms to provide transitional housing for up to 100 people.

More than 80 percent of the people who come to Freedom House for help have fled their home countries due to torture and need a place to stay while they get their residency established, continue their education and/or heal from the abuse they suffered, said CEO Elizabeth Orozco-Vasquez.

"It is so scary," she said of the deportation efforts. "It is so frightening.

President Donald Trump has made sweeping changes to immigration policies in the United States and made it easier for the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to conduct raids and searches.

While campaigning for the presidency he promised to crack down on immigration and quickly signed off on the increased measures once he took office.

Freedom House Detroit helped 600 people last year, which was the most that ever came to it for help, officials said. There usually are about 125 people annually seeking help.

Freedom House is the only full-service provider of services for those fleeing persecution and torture of its kind in the state.

Project funders include the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), the City of Detroit, several foundations and other donors. Officials still need to raise $1 million for the project.

In addition to the remainder of the funds needed to complete the renovations, Freedom House is raising $125,000 for its operational costs. The organization held a fundraiser last Friday evening to seek that funding and build awareness.

Freedom House expansion rendering. Courtesy Fusco, Shaffer & Pappas, Inc.

At the event, a physician from Africa received a standing ovation as he spoke about fleeing the region near Nigeria with nothing. He bounced around Texas before coming to Detroit and receiving help from Freedom House for two years.

He now is working in the medical field at an area hospital. Specific details about former or current clients are not divulged. Photos and videos were not allowed to be recorded at the fundraiser.

"It was not easy," he said, choking back tears. "But Freedom House gave me everything. I found more than services. I found family. You made a difference in my life and I will never forget it."

Orozco-Vasquez said the renovations also will make the building look more inviting. She said it currently has a drab exterior, and she would like it to feel warmer and boast colorful murals.

"It is this ugly little building," she said. "Let's make it something we can be proud of."

Detroit City Councilmember Gabriel Santiago-Romero said Freedom House is an important part of the city. Her district includes Southwest Detroit.

"I am incredibly grateful for Freedom House," she said at the groundbreaking. "It is incredibly needed. Freedom House is the embodiment of what it means to build inclusive communities for everyone."

The renovation and expansion projects are expected to be completed in the spring of 2026.

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History Teacher Mike Cruz: Books Open a World of Possibilities

By William Bowles

All Western International High School history teacher Mike Cruz wanted to do was to read a book. If not for a book, he might have been killed. Cruz was a reader, but reading books was not an acceptable pastime for a young man in Southwest Detroit in the 1980s when running drugs often held more allure. Cruz recounts the night when his drug-dealing best friend was shot dead. "I would have been standing next to him," Cruz said. But Cruz was at home turning the pages of a book. "Books saved my life," he said.

Cruz's family did not expect him to attend college. Making money was all that mattered. So Cruz worked on the line at the Wayne Assembly Plant and made good money. But something was not right. For a man with a curious mind and a restless intellect, factory work was a stultifying routine, a soul-destroying dead end. To sustain his mind and spirit, Cruz read books — a paragraph at a time — in the seconds between his tasks on the line. After nine years, Cruz had read hundreds of books while earning three college degrees in his off hours.

One day, toward the end of his shift at 4 a.m., Cruz had an "aha" moment. He was reading a short article in the New Yorker about a conversation between Joseph Heller, author of the bestseller Catch-22, and the celebrated writer Kurt Vonnegut. Vonnegut told Heller that their party host, a hedge fund manager, had made more money in a single day than Heller had earned from all sales of his wildly popular novel. Heller responded, "Yes, but I have something he will never have — enough."

Cruz had also had enough, so he took a big pay cut and became a history teacher and embraced greater metro Detroit as his classroom: Third Man Records, where his students wrote and recorded their own music; Roosevelt Proxy (near Michigan Central Station), where students teamed up with entrepreneurs and graduate students at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield to design and build a shipping container business; and independent local bookstores, such as Book Suey, Pages Bookshop, John King Books, and Literati Bookstore in Ann Arbor.

Visiting bookstores was revelatory to his teens, many of whom had read little else than the drab, colorless language in textbooks. Indeed, most students had neither been to a bookstore nor owned a book. Visiting bookstores "normalized" reading as a legitimate and worthwhile pursuit, said Cruz, who founded Breaking the Cycle with Books, a nonprofit dedicated to promoting reading to urban students. "They get to be in a space with others who love reading and love books," said veteran Western English teacher and book advocate Tara Baker, who has long supported Cruz and his students.

When his students visited Literati Bookstore in Ann Arbor and saw their fellow teens engrossed in books and reading and while lounging on the grass at the campus of the University of Michigan, they "no longer felt alone," said Cruz. They felt, "I belong, too." Bre Caban is one of Cruz's many students who found the trips to bookstores transformative. She met people who "think the way I do, who have a love for literature," she said. Caban went on to earn a bachelor's degree in English at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. "Getting lost in a book allows you to travel," said Caban.

As Baker reflected on her visits with students to the bookstores, she mused, "It's my chicken soup for the soul moment of the year."

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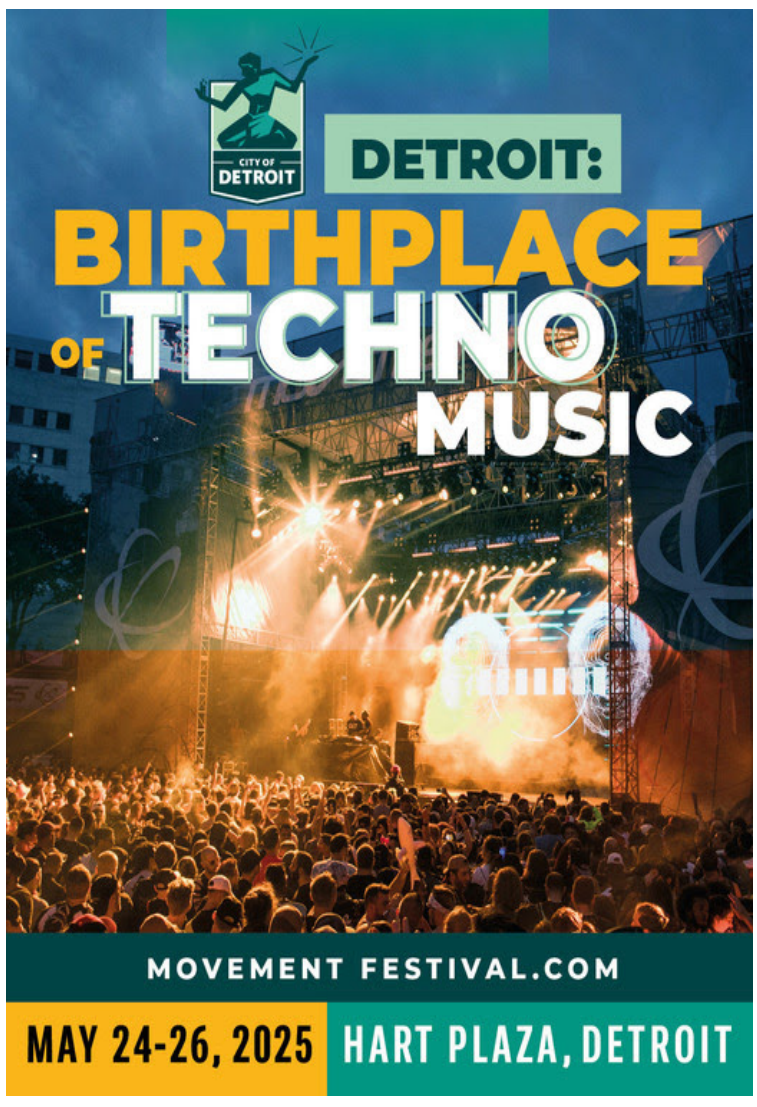
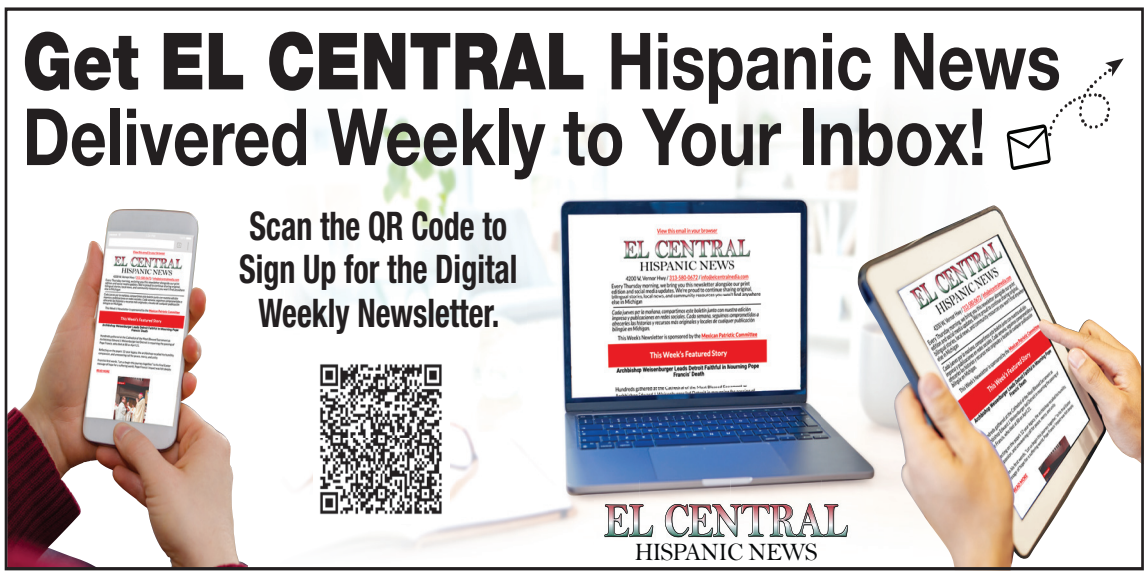
Western International High School history teacher Mike Cruz. Photo by William Bowles

Mr. Cruz's students at Literati Bookstore in Ann Arbor. Photo by Mike Cruz

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Hispanic/Latino Statewide Post-Secondary Graduation Celebrates 2025 Graduates

The Hispanic Latino Commission of Michigan (HLCOM) recently hosted their annual Statewide Post-Secondary Graduation Celebration at the Michigan Historical Center in downtown Lansing. More than 40 students from technical programs, community colleges, four-year universities and graduate programs located throughout the state attended. Approximately 115 students and guests were welcomed with a reception prior to the ceremony with food, music and photos. Students were presented certificates and serape stoles, inspired by Latino culture to wear with pride at their respective graduation ceremonies.

"The graduation serves as an opportunity to recognize Latinos who make up a small percentage of those graduating from post-secondary institutions," said HLCOM Executive Director Dr. Isabel Montemayor-Vazquez. "These are the future policy makers, educators, scientists and leaders we need for our community to have a voice and to succeed."

During the ceremony the students were inspired by the wise words of keynote speaker, former chair and current commissioner of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, Gloria Lara. Commissioner Lara shared her journey through the Harvard Business School and into the male dominated automotive industry.

The celebration also welcomed remarks from two student keynote speakers. The first student speaker was Sofia Rosales, she earned her master of arts in political science at Michigan State University and will continue on to pursue a doctor of philosophy. The second speaker was Alexie Milukhin who earned her master of arts from the University of Michigan in Public Policy and has accepted a position as Director of Policy with Michigan's Population Growth Office.

The commission is always excited to celebrate students' educational achievements and encourage students to apply their myriad skills as a part of the Michigan workforce. The commission understands that many of the challenges Latino students face impart a certain level of resilience that can be applied as they move forward in their careers.

Commission Vice Chair Florensio Hernandez shared words of encouragement to the students reminding them to never forget where they come from and to stay grounded: "No matter where you go from here, I hope you stay rooted. Rooted in who you are. Rooted in the love and strength that brought you all this far because being Latino isn't just your heritage—it's a blessing and a superpower."

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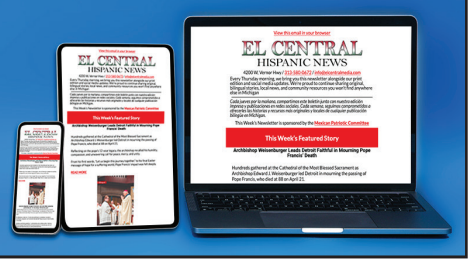

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El Papa León XIV es “un hombre con muchos dones”

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El Papa León XIV, nacido Robert Prevost en Chicago, fue elegido como el 266º sucesor de San Pedro, convirtiéndose en el primer Papa estadounidense en la historia.

“Nunca imaginé en mi vida que tendríamos un papa estadounidense”, comentó el Arzobispo Weisenburger. “Durante mucho tiempo, la preocupación era la geopolítica, y que algunos países temieran que Estados Unidos hubiera tomado el control del papado de la Iglesia Católica.”

El Arzobispo Weisenburger destacó que el Papa León XIV, un obispo agustiniano que pasó la mayor parte de su sacerdocio en Perú, donde fue el primer obispo de Chiclayo, aportará su experiencia internacional al papado. Aseguró que no hay razón para preocuparse por su origen estadounidense.

En 2023, el Papa Francisco lo nombró prefecto del Dicasterio para los Obispos del Vaticano, y ese mismo año fue creado cardenal.

“Da la impresión de que es un hombre con talentos increíbles y una gran variedad de dones y bendiciones”, señaló el Arzobispo Weisenburger. “Entre esos dones está su mensaje de justicia social y fraternidad universal. Creo que es un hombre que continuará el legado maravilloso que hemos tenido con los papas recientes de estar siempre con los pobres, con los oprimidos, con los que sufren, y de recordarnos que tenemos una fraternidad y hermandad universal.”

Antes de ser ordenado obispo, el recién elegido pontífice fue prior general de los agustinianos y mantenía una relación cercana con los obispos donde se asignaban sacerdotes de la orden, incluyendo en la Diócesis de Tucson, la anterior asignación episcopal del Arzobispo Weisenburger.

“El (sacerdote agustiniano) estuvo allí y mi predecesor, el obispo (Gerald F.) Kicanas, quien está temporalmente al frente de mi antigua diócesis en Tucson, se reunió con (el futuro Papa León XIV) en varias ocasiones”, comentó el Arzobispo Weisenburger.

El tiempo que el Papa León XIV pasó como misionero agustiniano en Perú, trabajando en un seminario y luego regresando como el primer obispo de Chiclayo, le da al nuevo pontífice una perspectiva única sobre lo que significa liderar una Iglesia en misión.

El Arzobispo Weisenburger describió al Papa León XIV como un “moderado teológico” que continuará el trabajo de sus predecesores inmediatos.

“Creo que veremos en el Papa León a alguien que realmente reflejará la imagen de Cristo”, dijo el Arzobispo Weisenburger. “Teológicamente, parece ser un moderado, y debo admitir que me encantan los moderados. Creo que trabajar desde el corazón de la Iglesia y evitar esos dos extremos que a veces absorben toda la atención —los moderados, profundamente arraigados en la Iglesia teológicamente— es algo que aprecio. Los encuentro sensatos, reflexivos y siguen los pasos de la tradición.”

El Arzobispo Weisenburger también destacó que cuando el nuevo papa habló desde la logia sobre la Plaza de San Pedro, “habló sobre los pobres, los que sufren, sobre estar con los necesitados, inmigrantes, migrantes, todo eso”.

“Creo que socialmente encontraremos que es un hombre que, nuevamente, nos recuerda que no somos solo miembros de una nación, un estado o una región; nuestra fraternidad es universal y no hay nadie que pueda ser excluido.”

A medida que el mundo conozca más sobre el Papa León XIV, incluida su conexión con Michigan —donde estudió en la ahora cerrada Escuela Secundaria del Seminario San Agustín en Holland—, el Arzobispo Weisenburger destacó que su elección del nombre León tiene un fuerte simbolismo, evocando al Papa León XIII, quien fue pontífice de 1878 a 1903 y es conocido como el “Papa Social” y el “Papa de los Trabajadores”.

“Si nos retrocedemos al Papa León XIII, su famosa obra teológica, Rerum novarum, se centraba en la justicia social. Hablaba de la fraternidad, la unidad, y de los derechos y la dignidad de los trabajadores”, comentó el Arzobispo Weisenburger. “También fue un hombre que dejó profundas enseñanzas sobre el rosario. Durante su pontificado, introdujo dos nuevos scapularios marianos para los fieles. Así que este Papa, León XIII, realmente reflejó la comprensión de la Iglesia sobre lo que hoy llamaríamos justicia social: no solo la caridad, que es el rico dando a los pobres, sino ayudar a las personas a entender que tienen derechos. Tienen una dignidad humana que no puede ser menospreciada, y creo que toda esa comprensión profunda está detrás del hecho de que nuestro nuevo Papa haya escogido ese nombre.”

La muerte del Papa Francisco y la elección del Papa León XIV significa que el Arzobispo Weisenburger recibirá su palio —la tela blanca que simboliza su rango como arzobispo metropolitano— del nuevo pontífice, en lugar de hacerlo del Papa que lo nombró arzobispo de Detroit.

El Arzobispo Weisenburger comentó que espera con entusiasmo ese momento, que tradicionalmente tiene lugar el 29 de junio, en la solemnidad de los santos Pedro y Pablo, en Roma.

“Hubo una parte de mí que estaba algo decepcionado por la muerte del Papa Francisco, aunque me regocijé por la gloria que creo que ahora disfruta, pero aún así, había estado esperando recibir el palio de sus manos”, comentó el arzobispo. “Sin embargo, ahora veo que hay bendiciones en cada vuelta de la vida, y será una gran bendición haber sido enviado aquí por Francisco y recibir el palio de manos de León.”

Tras enterarse de la elección del Papa León en un vuelo de Delta, el Arzobispo Weisenburger dijo que varias personas en el Aeropuerto Metropolitano de Detroit se acercaron para felicitarlo y preguntarle qué significaba para la Iglesia local la elección del nuevo pontífice. El arzobispo reconoció que no había tenido mucho tiempo para reflexionar sobre lo que significará tener un Papa estadounidense, y además del Medio Oeste.

“Hay un poco de orgullo que podemos sentir los estadounidenses por esto”, comentó al final de la rueda de prensa. “Creo que él estudió en un seminario aquí en Michigan, en Holland, que ya no existe. Así que, podríamos decir que es nuestro”, bromeó el arzobispo.

“Estoy contento por el mundo, y por la gente de la Arquidiócesis de Detroit”, añadió.

El Arzobispo Weisenburger celebró una Misa de Acción de Gracias en la Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament el sábado 10 de mayo.

Noting that the new pope spent part of his formation in western Michigan, at the now-closed St. Augustine Seminary High School in Holland, Archbishop Weisenburger joked that Michiganders “can claim him,” adding that Pope Leo XIV will be a blessing for the entire world. (Izzy Cortese | Detroit Catholic)

Detroit Archbishop Edward Weisenburger on Pope Leo XIV

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Pope Leo XIV, born Robert Prevost of Chicago, was elected as the 266th successor to St. Peter, the first pope in history to come from the United States.

“I never in my lifetime though there would be an American pope,” Archbishop Weisenburger said. “For a long time, the concern was geopolitics, of course, and that certain countries, nations would fear the United States had sort of taken over the papacy of the Catholic Church.”

Archbishop Weisenburger said Pope Leo XIV, an Augustinian bishop who served most of his priesthood in Peru, including as the first bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, would bring his international experience to the papacy and said there should be little concern about his American background.

In 2023, Pope Francis called him to serve as prefect for the Vatican’s Dicastery for Bishops, and he was created a cardinal the same year.

“You get the very clear impression that this is a man of incredible talents and a variety of gifts and blessings,” Archbishop Weisenburger said. “Among those are the importance of a social justice message of universal brotherhood. I think he is a man who will continue the wonderful legacy we’ve had with recent popes of standing always with the poor, always with those who are downcast, always with those who are suffering, and reminding us that we have a universal brotherhood and sisterhood.”

Before the recently elected pontiff was ordained a bishop, he was prior general of the Augustinians and had relationships with the bishops where priests of the order were assigned, including in the Diocese of Tucson, Archbishop Weisenburger’s prior episcopal assignment.

“I had (an Augustinian priest) there and my predecessor, Bishop (Gerald F.) Kicanas, who’s temporarily running my former diocese in Tucson, met with (the future Pope Leo XIV) a number of times,” Archbishop Weisenburger said.

Pope Leo XIV’s time as an Augustinian missionary in Peru, including serving at a seminary in Peru and later returning as the first bishop of Chiclayo, gives the new pontiff a rich perspective on what it means to lead a Church on mission.

Archbishop Weisenburger described Pope Leo XIV as a “theological moderate,” who will build on the work of his immediate predecessors.

“I think what we’re going to find with Pope Leo is he’s very much going to be in the image of Christ,” Archbishop Weisenburger said. “Theologically, he seems to be a moderate, and I must admit I love moderates. I find working out of the heart of the Church and avoiding these two extremes that sometimes suck all the air out of the room — moderates, deeply dug into the Church theologically — I like that. I find they are sensible, they are thoughtful, they stand in the footsteps of tradition.”

Archbishop Weisenburger also noted that when the new pope spoke from the loggia above St. Peter’s Square, “he talked about the poor, the suffering, standing with those in need, immigrants, migrants, all of that.”

“I think socially you’re going to find he’s a man who, again, reminds us we are not simply members of a nation or a state or a region; ours is a universal brotherhood where there is no one who can be excluded.”

As the world gets to know more about Pope Leo XIV, including his Michigan connection — he studied at the now-closed St. Augustine Seminary High School in Holland — Archbishop Weisenburger pointed out there is much to glean from his selection of Leo as his papal name, drawing back to Pope Leo XIII, who reigned as pontiff from 1878 to 1903 and is known as the “Social Pope” and the “Pope of the Workers.”

“If you go back to the most immediate Leo, Leo XIII, his famous theological work, ‘Rerum novarum,’ was all about social justice. It was about brotherhood and unity, and it was about the rights of workers and their dignity,” Archbishop Weisenburger said. “He was also a man who released profound teachings on the rosary. He released two new Marian scapulars for the faithful during his lifetime. So this man, Leo XIII, really encapsulated the Church’s understanding of what we would call social justice — not just charity, which is the rich giving to the poor, of those who have giving to those who have not — but helping people to understand they have rights. They have rights as humans. They have an essential dignity that cannot be compromised, and I think all of that rich understanding is behind our new Pope Leo taking that name.”

The timing of the death of Pope Francis and the election of Pope Leo XIV means that Archbishop Weisenburger will receive his pallium — a white fabric woven from lamb’s wool that signifies his rank as a metropolitan archbishop — from the new pontiff, rather than from the pope who appointed him archbishop of Detroit.

Archbishop Weisenburger said he looks forward to that occasion, which traditionally takes place on June 29, the Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul, in Rome.

“There was a jealous part of me that was a little disappointed at the death of Pope Francis, even though I rejoiced for the glory that I believe is his, the eternal life, but nevertheless, I’d been hoping to receive (the pallium) from his hands,” Archbishop Weisenburger said. “Yet, I realize there are blessings with every twist and turn of life, and it will be a great blessing to have been sent here by Francis and to have the pallium given to me by Leo.”

After finding out the news of Pope Leo’s election on a Delta flight, Archbishop Weisenburger said passersby at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport stopped to congratulate him and to ask him what the new pontiff’s election means for the local Church. The archbishop admitted he hadn’t had too much time to reflect on what it will mean to have an American pope — and one from the Midwest, at that.

“There’s a certain amount of pride we Americans can take in this,” Archbishop Weisenburger said at the end of the press conference. “I believe he went to high school seminary here in Michigan, in Holland, that’s not there anymore. So we can claim him,” the archbishop joked.

“I’m happy for the world, and I’m happy for the people of the Archdiocese of Detroit,” Archbishop Weisenburger added.

Archbishop Weisenburger celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, May 10.

Medicaid Cuts Threaten Detroit's Healthcare Safety Net

By Felix Valbuena, Jr., MD, CEO of CHASS Center

This month, Congress is considering hundreds of billions of dollars in cuts to the Medicaid program. As the CEO of Community Health and Social Services (CHASS) Center, I am deeply concerned. Any reduction to Medicaid would disrupt the fragile balance that allows our Health Center to meet the healthcare needs of Detroit residents.

CHASS serves over 11,000 patients every year. Nearly half—47%—are covered by Medicaid. That coverage accounts for a significant portion of our overall revenue and keeps our doors open. Any cut to the program would threaten our sustainability and, more importantly, the care our patients rely on.

Medicaid is funded through a long-standing partnership between Michigan and the federal government: our state contributes, and the federal government matches those funds. But proposed changes would upend that partnership. These include requiring work mandates (even though most people on Medicaid already work), reducing the federal match, shifting more of the cost burden to states, or adding red tape that limits who qualifies.

Each of these proposals leads to the same outcome: fewer people covered, lower payments to providers, or both. And that means less access to care in communities like ours. When people lose insurance, they often lose access to doctors, medications, and preventive services. At CHASS, we are committed to caring for all who walk through our doors, but our resources are not unlimited. Cuts to Medicaid would likely force us to reduce services at a time when our community needs us most.

We are proud to serve this community, and we believe everyone deserves access to quality care. However, our ability to do so depends on a stable and reliable Medicaid program. Protecting Medicaid means protecting local healthcare—and protecting the health and dignity of our neighbors.

Los recortes a Medicaid amenazan la red de seguridad médica de Detroit

Por Félix Valbuena, Jr., MD, Gerente General de CHASS Center

Este mes, el Congreso está considerando cientos de miles de millones de dólares en recortes al programa Medicaid. Como director ejecutivo del Community Health and Social Services Center (CHASS), estoy profundamente preocupado. Cualquier reducción a Medicaid alteraría el equilibrio frágil que permite que nuestro Centro de Salud satisfaga las necesidades de atención médica de los residentes de Detroit. CHASS atiende a más de 11,000 pacientes cada año. Casi la mitad, el 47%, están cubiertos por Medicaid. Esa cobertura representa una parte significativa de nuestros ingresos totales y mantiene nuestras puertas abiertas.

Cualquier recorte en el programa amenazaría nuestra sostenibilidad y, lo que es más importante, la atención de la que dependen nuestros pacientes. Medicaid se financia a través de una asociación que existe hace mucho tiempo entre Michigan y el gobierno federal: nuestro estado contribuye y el gobierno federal iguala esos fondos. Pero los cambios propuestos pondrían volcar esa asociación. Estos incluyen exigir mandatos de trabajo (a pesar de que la mayoría de las personas con Medicaid ya trabajan), reducir la contrapartida federal, trasladar una mayor parte de la carga de los costos a los estados o agregar burocracia que limita quién califica. Cada una de estas propuestas conduce al mismo resultado: menos personas cubiertas, pagos más bajos a los proveedores, o ambos. Y eso significa menos acceso a la atención en comunidades como la nuestra.

Cuando las personas pierden el seguro, a menudo pierden el acceso a médicos, medicamentos y servicios preventivos. En CHASS, estamos comprometidos a cuidar de todos los que entran por nuestras puertas, pero nuestros recursos no son ilimitados. Los recortes a Medicaid probablemente nos obligarían a reducir los servicios en un momento en que nuestra comunidad más nos necesita. Estamos orgullosos de servir a esta comunidad y creemos que todos merecen tener acceso a una atención de calidad. Sin embargo, nuestra capacidad para hacerlo depende de un programa de Medicaid estable y confiable. Proteger Medicaid significa proteger la atención médica local y proteger la salud y la dignidad de nuestros vecinos.

Save Public Media

By Mary Zatina

Threats to public media severely escalated late last week. On Friday, the White House issued an Exec-utive Order instructing the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) to "cease federal funding for NPR and PBS," halting direct and indirect funding to PBS and NPR by prohibiting local stations and CPB grant recipients from using taxpayer dollars to support these organizations. In response, CPB is-sued a statement that it is "not a federal executive agency subject to the President's authority." Legal challenges have been initiated.

This comes on top of the White House's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Request to Congress which proposes completely defunding CPB for Fiscal Year 2026, and a pending rescission package that would claw back $1.1 billion in federal funding for public media.

Furthermore, the White House has ordered the U.S. Department of Education - a federal executive agency that IS subject to the president's authority - to terminate the PBS Ready to Learn grant after 30 years of investment in children's educational programming. The Trump administration is using eve-ry tool it can muster to dismantle public media as we know it.

In response to this coordinated wave of attacks on public media, we're working with our colleagues across the country and at NPR to interpret the actions without creating false alarms. One thing we all are doing is asking you to contact your Congressional representative and urge them to protect the federal funding that makes public media possible.

If you are unsure who to contact and how to contact them, visit Your Voice Matters - WDET 101.9 FM at www.wdet.org/save where we provide easy access to connect you with your representative.

Are you not sure what to say? Simply say this: "You represent me in Michigan, and I ask that you op-pose the recission (claw back of already appropriated funds) of federal funds for public media and I ask that you support future funding for public media in the FY 26 budget." Or you can use the pre-drafted email in the form fill. The whole process should take you less than a minute or two.

For those elected officials who already support public media, contact them to thank them and get your calls on their daily log sheet to demonstrate they are supporting policies their constituents want. Elected officials count the calls and letters they get, and you need to be counted!

This is my second note on this topic, and I will keep you updated as this process unfolds. And remem-ber, our most stable, no-string-attached source of funding is listener support.

- If your annual membership has lapsed, please re-join.
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This executive order signals a deliberate and dangerous escalation in efforts to defund and dismantle public media. This is not about politics. This is about protecting a community service that hundreds of thousands of metro Detroiters rely on every day — one that has enjoyed bipartisan support at the federal level for over 50 years. And we must protect WDET in our 76th year of service for future dec-ades of news, music and conversation.

Mary Zatina, General Manager, 101.9 FM WDET

Summer Discovery 2025 Enrollment Is Now Open

Enrichment program provides free, high-quality summer learning experiences for K-8 Students in Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne Counties

United Way for Southeastern Michigan and Ballmer Group announced that enrollment is now open for the second year of Summer Discovery, a transformative summer learning and enrichment program that is nearly doubling in size from its first year. In 2025, the program will serve more than 32,000 K-8 students at 188 sites across Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne counties—nearly twice as many students and locations as in 2024.

This expansion is made possible by a $60 million investment from Ballmer Group, reinforcing its commitment to improving educational outcomes and closing opportunity gaps for students in Southeast Michigan. Summer Discovery provides free, full-day instruction and enrichment activities, ensuring students access high-quality learning experiences that keep them engaged and prepared for the upcoming school year.

The program is entering its second summer, following a successful pilot in 2024. Students demonstrated growth in both ELA and math, with average scores increasing by 16 points in ELA and 14 points in math from pre- to post-tests. Educators and families also observed academic growth in students. Additionally, students who started the program the furthest behind academically showed the greatest academic growth.

"Providing high-quality summer learning and enrichment through Summer Discovery is delivering real results. Last year, participating Detroit area students saw gains, including increases in math achievements and educational engagement. The data underscores what parents and families already know: students succeed when they have access to high-quality summer learning opportunities in their communities," said Dr. Darienne Hudson, president, and CEO of United Way for Southeastern Michigan.

"With nearly twice the number of students able to participate this year, we are thrilled to expand access to this life-changing program and encourage families to enroll now to take advantage of this incredible opportunity."

What Is Summer Discovery?

Summer Discovery is a full-day summer program offering a mix of academic instruction and hands-on enrichment activities tailored to rising K-8 students. Activities include:

- STEM projects and coding
- Outdoor adventures and field trips
- Music, art, and creative expression
- Sports and wellness activities
- Social-emotional learning experiences

"Summer Discovery provided our students at Henry Ford not only an academic extension of the school year with a focus on math and literacy but also a way to enrich their learning in non-traditional learning environments," says Mariam Farhat, 2024 Summer Discovery Site Leader and Principal at Henry Ford Elementary in Dearborn, MI. "Over the summer, they had daily opportunities for hands-on science and physical activities that included using our swimming pool and team sports through community organizations such as HYPE. This program allowed for our students to participate in activities they normally would not have the time to do during a regular school year/day."

How to Enroll

Enrollment is now open, offering families a free, high-quality summer learning option. Parents can explore participating schools and community-based organizations (CBOs) by visiting the Summer Discovery website and Site Finder to locate programs in their area at https://unitedwaysem.org/resources/summer-discovery/

"As a parent, I am grateful for this summer mentorship program. My two sons, Kyon (seven) and Khalil (ten) had the incredible opportunity to engage with dedicated mentors who not only provided leadership development skills and training in mathematics but also served as positive role models," says Kiada Shanklin, parent of two 2024 Summer Discovery participants. "For the first time in their academic journey, they were able to learn from and interact with educators who inspired them to embrace their potential and pursue their interests with confidence."

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LA SED: CELEBRATING 60 YE

Congratulations to LA SED for another successful Recognition Luncheon held Thursday, May 1 at the MGM Grand Detroit. This year's luncheon was attended by more than 400 supporters who gathered to celebrate LA SED's 60 years of delivering critical social services, advocacy and support to the Hispanic population and other residents of Southwest Detroit.

Rico Razo, Chief of Home Repair & Neighborhood Services for the City of Detroit, returned as emcee for the luncheon program, and introduced special guest Mayor Mike Duggan. The mayor congratulated LA SED for its commitment to serving the needs of Southwest Detroit residents, particularly those with language and cultural barriers.

This year's keynote speaker was Curtis Farmer, Chairman and CEO of Comerica, Inc. and Comerica Bank.

Both Mayor Duggan and Mr. Farmer paid tribute to LA SED and other community organizations in Southwest Detroit for immediately stepping up to meet the needs of the residents whose homes were flooded as the result of the huge water main break in mid-February. They acknowledged that the response of the City's Water Department and the Great Lakes Water Authority would not have been nearly as effective and timely were it not for the generous donations of time and supplies from community organizations and residents of Southwest Detroit.

This year's luncheon awardees were:

Ignacio Salazar, recipient of the Board of Directors Award
Gloria Quesada, Senior of the Year Award
Jacqueline Valdivia Arevalo, Youth of the Year Award
Elena Herrada, Volunteer of the Year Award

Keynote Speaker Curtis Farmer, Comerica Chairman and CEO with Mary Carmen Muñoz, Executive Director, LA SED and Jane C. Garcia, Luncheon Chair, LA SED

Youth of the Year Awardee Jacqueline Valdivia Arevalo with Mary Carmen Muñoz

Volunteer Awardee Elena Herrada with Mary Carmen Muñoz and Jane C. Garcia

Senior of the Year Awardee Gloria Quesada with Mary Carmen Muñoz

Board of Directors Awardee Ignacio Salazar with Jane C. Garcia and Mary Carmen Muñoz

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Keynote speaker Curtis Farmer (center) with Comerica employees and representatives of LA SED leadership.

Master of Ceremony, Rico Razo

Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan

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The Detroit Tigers find themselves currently leading the American League, and American League Central division with 27 wins and 15 losses (as of Tuesday afternoon). The Texas Rangers and Boston Red Sox came to Comerica Park, this past weekend and week. The Rangers defeated the Tigers on Sunday, 6 - 1, and the Tigers defeated the Red Sox on Monday, 14 - 2. The Tigers go on the road to take on the Toronto Blue Jays Friday, May 16th through Sunday May, 18th, and then the St. Louis Cardinals, on Monday, May 19th through Wednesday, May 21st, before returning to Comerica Park on Thursday, May 22nd to host the Cleveland Guardians.

Photos below are highlights from Sunday's game between the Tigers and Rangers, and Monday's game between the Tigers and Red Sox

Javier Báez slides and tags home for next run in the third inning on Monday against the Boston Red Sox. Photo by Mike Alberts/ EL CENTRAL HISPANIC NEWS

Texas Rangers Adolis Garcia (#53) successfully steals second as Detroit Tigers Zach McKinstry (#39) struggles to field the ball

Detroit Tigers Gleyber Torres (#25) tags Texas Rangers Adolis Garcia (#53) out as he attempts to steal second

Detroit Tigers Reese Olson (#45) gets the start on May 11, 2025 against the Texas Rangers pitching for 4.0 IP, 7 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 1 BB, 5 K, 1 HR, with an ERA of 3.38

Detroit Tigers Spencer Torkelson attempts to tag Texas Rangers Wyatt Langford out at first. The play went to review calling Langford safe

Paws shows his displeasure over the results of the replay calling Wyatt Langford safe at first

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City Slips Up Again

David Levine
EL CENTRAL

At the end of a long season, DCFC might look back at two games in May and wish they had the four points they dropped against Indy XI and Hartford. Blowing a two goal lead to ten-man Indy XI wasn't a good look. The players and staff were clearly disappointed by their inability to lock that game down. However, being held to a 0-0 draw at rock-bottom Hartford will leave an even more sour taste.

Coming off a heavy defeat in the US Open Cup against the Chicago Fire of MLS, Coach Danny Dichio had to rotate the team. Stephen Carroll and Jay Chapman didn't make the trip. Carlos Saldana served as the backup goalkeeper. Jeciel Cedeno and Connor Rutz started on the bench. That meant a first start of the season for both Dominic Gasso and Sebastian Guenzatti.

The two teams traded fouls and yellow cards over the course of a chippy and choppy encounter at Trinity Health Stadium in Connecticut last weekend. Neither team carved out many opportunities. Darrin Smith, voted USL Championship Player of the Month for April, found little room to work and barely had a sight of goal. At the other end, defender Michael Bryant saved one shot off the line and Carlos Herrera had one spectacular save to deny the home side.

The draw will never be remembered as a classic, just as a missed opportunity to keep pace with the three hottest teams in the USL Championship. DCFC slipped as the Charleston Battery won their fifth game in a row, Louisville City extended their unbeaten run, and Loudon returned to winning ways with a big 5-1 win over Lexington SC. North Carolina moved up in the table to just two points behind Le Rouge with a win over Orange County. With several teams dropping lower in the table, the top tier has begun to separate from the pack. DCFC has to start winning more, especially against teams well beneath them in the standings.

Danny Dichio's men will get another chance to do that on Sunday afternoon in Birmingham, Alabama. The Legion don't have the type of support DCFC has, so they won't have to contend with a raucous crowd. Their last two results were a loss to Hartford and a draw with the equally poor Tampa Bay Rowdies. As it was last weekend, this a is an important three points.

A lot of fans who made the trip to Chicago for the midweek Cup match also came home disappointed. The Fire pounced on a string of errors to win comfortably 4-0 over a first choice DCFC side. After falling behind less than five minutes in, City never recovered and had precious few looks at goal. The MLS teams who entered the US Open Cup at this stage took the tournament seriously. Fifteen out of sixteen MLS teams won their Open Cup games. Some were close or went into extra time, but only the Pittsburgh Riverhounds managed to put out an opponent from the top domestic league.

It wasn't that long ago DCFC celebrated a perfect week with two wins in the league and advancement in the Open Cup. The past week went just about as poorly with two disappointing draws and a blowout loss. The team has to regroup with the end of its month on the road in sight. Unfortunately, the first home game will be a major clash against Charleston. DCFC cannot allow their drift down to mid-table to continue much longer, while the top teams pull further away.

DCFC and Hartford Athletic Tie, 0 - 0

(Photos and Story by Detroit City FC)

Detroit City Football Club played to a deadlocked 0-0 draw on the road to Hartford Athletic on Saturday night, earning the squad its fourth draw of the early USL Championship season. Despite controlling most of the play, and only allowing a single shot on target from Hartford, Le Rouge struggled to generate an clear-cut opportunities to score.

The squad will be on a hunt for a rebound win this Sunday, when they travel to take on a new-look Birmingham Legion FC side at Protective Stadium. Then, the following Saturday, Detroit City FC returns home for a 4 p.m. tilt with Charleston Battery, the first match of a double header with the USL W League side welcoming Union FC Macomb in the team's home opener for the 2025 season at 7 p.m

For tickets to the doubleheader for DCFC mens and DCFC womens game, on Saturday, May 24th, please visit: https://seatgeek.com/detroit-city-fc-tickets/usl/2025-05-24-4-pm/17355961?mc_cid=f7db24ed56&mc_eid=3e864618cb

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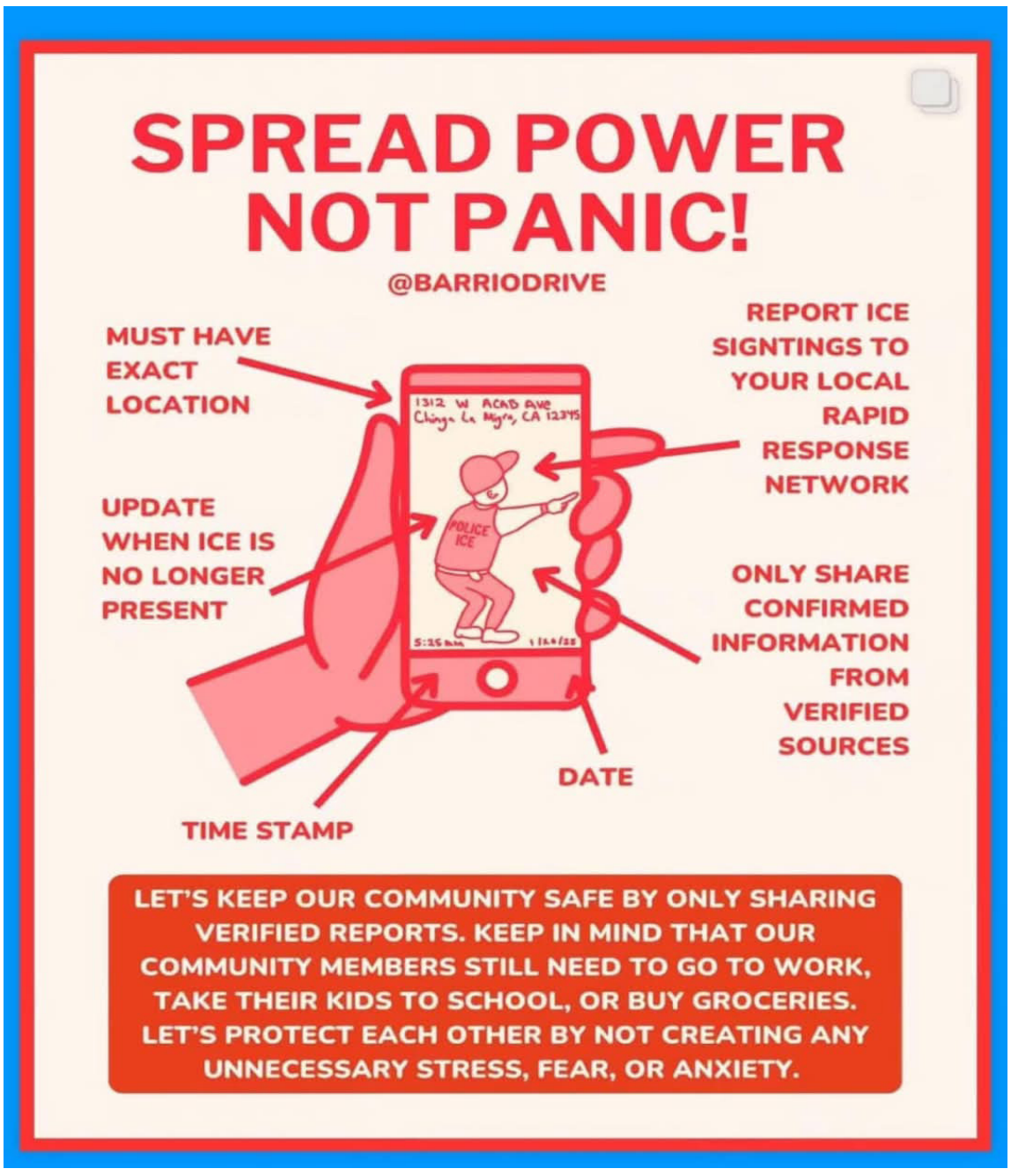
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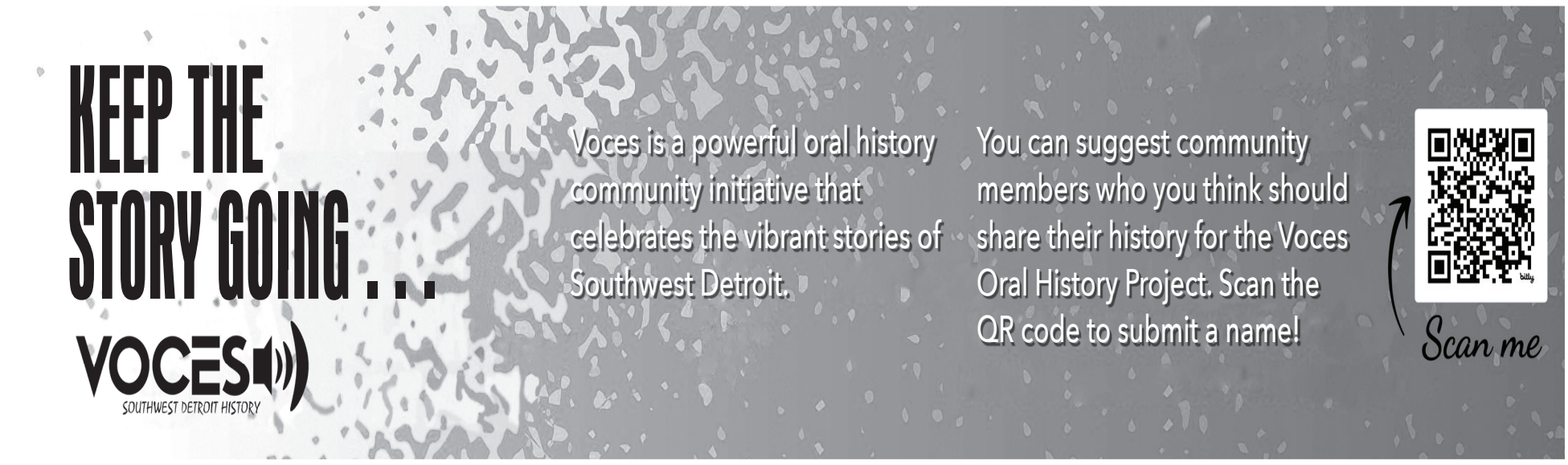
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Survey of Hispanic Voters Point to Country Headed in the Wrong Direction

70% of Latino Voters Hold President Trump Responsible

WASHINGTON, DC – UnidosUS, Voces Unidas, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and Climate Power en Acción recently released findings from the 2025 "First 100 Days Bipartisan Poll of the Hispanic Electorate," the largest national bipartisan poll of U.S. Latino voters. The survey of 1,002 registered Latino voters nationwide, with oversamples in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida and Texas, shows that pocketbook issues continue to dominate the concerns of Latino voters — cost of living, jobs, housing and health care affordability — with immigration rounding up the top five. On the economy, 54% of Latino respondents said it is worse when compared to last year; 60% believe things are going in the wrong direction, and 70% of them hold President Trump and his administration responsible.

"Latino voters are frustrated that their economic priorities are being ignored and that a key promise made by President Trump during the election is not being kept. Economic discontent was the most potent driver in the 2024 election, helping President Trump increase support among Latinos. But over half of Hispanic voters feel the economy is worse now than a year ago and nearly as many believe it will be worse a year from now," said Janet Murguía, president and CEO of UnidosUS.

Key Findings Include:

On President Trump and his Administration

63% have an unfavorable view of the President, and 59% disapprove of the job he is doing.

61% and 52% respectively have an unfavorable view of Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

Two-thirds (66%) of Hispanic voters believe the Trump tariffs will hurt the economy and lead to higher prices.

On U.S. Congress

60% have an unfavorable view of Republicans in Congress, and 59% disapprove of the way they are handling their congressional majority.

63% have a favorable view of Democrats in Congress, and 58% approve of how they are handling their role in Congress, with 60% saying Democrats should fight hard against the Trump administration and his policies.

59% are not confident that Congress attempts to act in the best interest of Latinos, with only 15% stating they are "very confident" in Congress today.

On Issues, Policies and Political Environment

Four of the top five priorities for Hispanic voters continue to be driven by pocketbook issues.

#1 Cost of living / inflation (52%) — main concerns are cost of food and basic living expenses, housing affordability.

#2 Jobs and economy (40%) — wages, job security, prices, job creation.

#3 Housing (28%) — rising cost of rent and cost of electricity, utilities, taxes, home insurance, home maintenance and repairs.

#4 Health care (23%) — cost of insurance and prescription medications.

#5 Immigration (21%) — legalization for long-residing undocumented immigrants and those brought here as children, cracking down on human traffickers and drug smugglers.

58% disapprove of changing Medicaid policies related to eligibility and coverage to cut $600-$800 billion from the program over the next 10 years.

64% disagree with cutting personnel and offices from programs like Medicaid and Social Security.

62% oppose reducing funds for the federal government's SNAP program.

Two-thirds (66%) of Hispanic voters believe the rule of law is failing and the constitution is being violated.

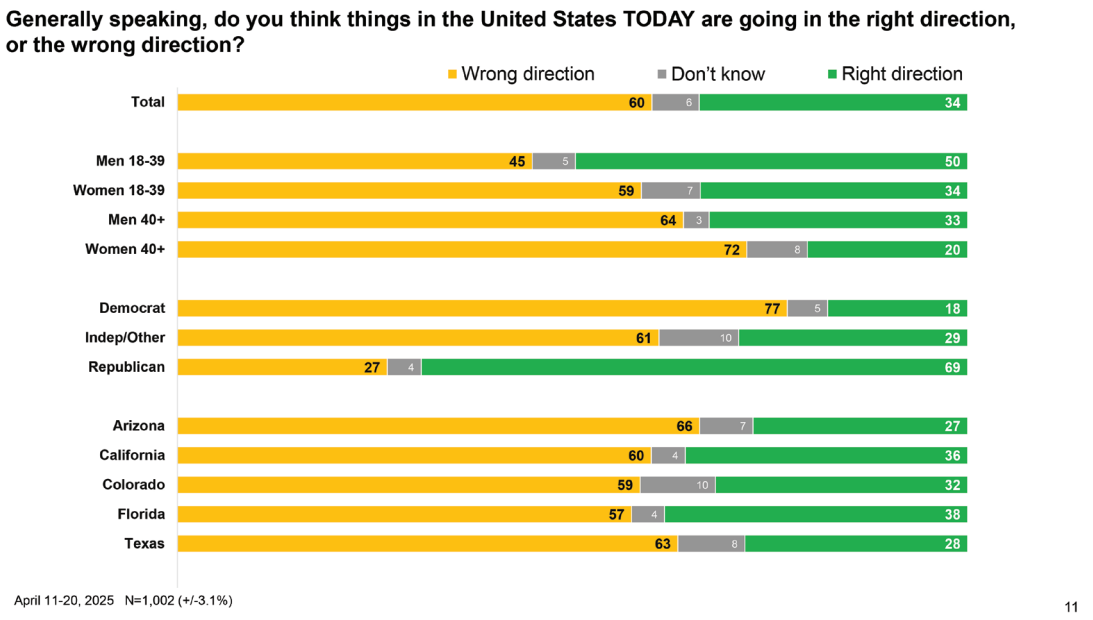
On the Economic Landscape

60% believe President Trump and congressional Republicans are not focusing enough attention on lowering the cost of everyday necessities.

Compared to last year, 54% feel the economy is worse now, with only 19% thinking it's doing better. 35% say their own financial situation is worse.

Looking to the year ahead, 50% believe current economic policies will make their economic situation worse off.

Nearly half (49%) blame President Trump for the rising cost of living; 16% blame former President Biden.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Two-thirds (66%) believe the tariffs President Trump is implementing will reduce their economic opportunity and security by raising the price for goods and services; 64% believe tariffs were a bad move and that trade will be terrible for the United States.

On Immigration & Border Security

78% of Latino voters believe it is important to deport dangerous criminals, but that President Trump and congressional Republicans should not target long-residing undocumented immigrants without criminal records.

Top immigration policy priorities are a path to citizenship for long-residing undocumented immigrants and those brought to the country as children (66%), and cracking down on human smugglers and drug traffickers (46%).

Nearly half (49%) of Latino voters feel that the Trump administration's deportation policies put them, their family and/or friends at risk.

As for recent immigration policies and actions, 43% think many people fear immigration authorities will arrest them even if they're U.S. citizens or have legal status.

60% disapprove the administration's actions of deporting undocumented immigrants from the U.S. without court hearings.

62% disagree with eliminating birthright citizenship for children born in the U.S. to an undocumented parent.

On Climate Progress & Cost of Energy

60% disapprove of eliminating funds for programs that help Americans pay their electricity bills to help cut the federal budget.

59% disapprove of cutting federal aid for programs designed to address the impact of climate change and extreme weather events on local communities.

57% disapprove of cutting funds for programs designed to improve environmental conditions in minority communities to help cut the overall federal budget.

"The latest poll underscores a harsh reality: nearly two-thirds of Latino voters believe the country is heading in the wrong direction, with 70% of them holding President Trump responsible. Economic struggles dominate their concerns, from rising costs to job insecurity, and immigration remains a top issue. Latinos, once seen as a battleground demographic, have become disillusioned, with many shifting their support toward Trump only to face broken promises. The League of United Latin American Citizens has fought to protect civil rights and secure victories in federal lawsuits against this administration, but the growing frustration in this poll signals a community that's fed up and demanding major change," said Juan Proaño, CEO of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

"Economic concerns are still very top of mind for Latinos and climate change is viewed as an economic issue," Antonieta Cadiz, Deputy Executive Director of Climate Power En Acción, said. "Latinos constantly support legislation that protects communities from climate disasters, lowers energy costs, and invests in clean energy because we've seen the benefits firsthand. Often on the frontlines of extreme weather and pollution, Latinos recognize when clean energy policies reduce harmful emissions, improve air and water quality, cut energy bills, and create good-paying jobs."

"In survey after survey, in Colorado and across the country, Latinas and Latinos continue to identify cost-of-living issues as a top concern that have not been adequately addressed by policymakers," said Alex Sánchez of Voces Unidas, which co-leads the Colorado Latino Agenda, a statewide public research initiative that publishes relevant and timely in-depth reports about Latinas and Latinos in Colorado. "Consistent with our past research, this recent national poll also shows the energy behind more common-sense immigration policy reforms over just border security. Latinos are telling us that they want humane immigration policies, and they continue to reject the approach of the current administration."

Murguía also added: "Latino voters are also alarmed and angered by what they're seeing play out on the threats to our democracy. There continues to be a large gap between Latino voter positions and current actions, including on immigration, where Latinos reaffirm their support for legalizing the long-residing undocumented people and oppose draconian immigration measures like deporting people without due process. And reflecting those concerns, two-thirds of Hispanic voters believe the rule of law is failing and the constitution is being violated. In an environment of razor thin margins, politicians should listen to and act on the call from this influential group: start focusing on efforts to improve economic conditions for working Americans."

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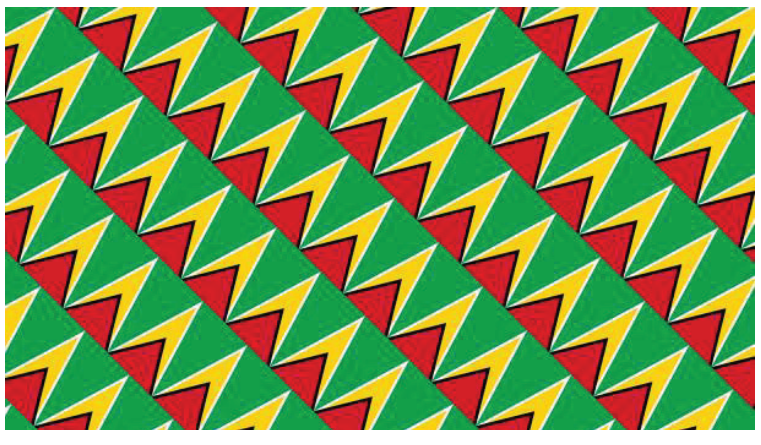
The Cooperative Republic of Guyana, commonly known as Guyana or British Guyana, is one of the least popular countries in the Americas. It has been part of the British Commonwealth since 1966, when it achieved independence. Guyana is located in South America between the Orinoco River and the Amazon River, hence its name, Guyana, which in the Arawak or Arawak language means "Land of Many Waters." It is part of the region known as The Guianas: Guyana, Suriname, and French Guiana.

Its capital is Georgetown. Its equatorial climate features humid forests and jungles with a large waterfalls, crystal-clear lagoons, and idyllic beaches. Its population is primarily of Indian descent, as well as of African descent.

Its flag, known as the "Golden Arrowhead," was adopted after independence from the United Kingdom in 1966.



The red color represents national aspirations; yellow represents gold and mineral wealth; green represents the jungle, agriculture, and forests; black represents resistance; and white represents water.

It borders Venezuela to the north, Suriname to the east, and Brazil to the southwest. It has an Atlantic coastline and a population of 826,353. Although the first explorers and colonizers were the Spanish, it passed to Dutch control with an invasion in 1615 and became part of the English colonies in 1796. Hence, it is sometimes referred to as British Guiana to distinguish it from French Guiana.

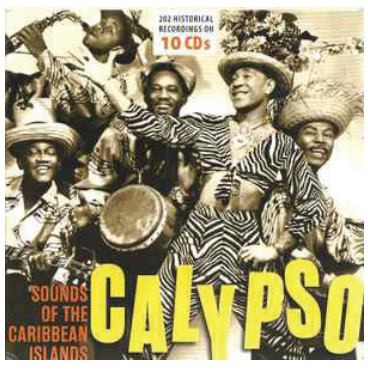
Venezuela knows it as Essequibo Guyana, as the Spanish called it.

Although its official language is English, the most widely spoken language is Guyanese Creole, which is primarily descended from English fused with other languages of African descent, as well as Indian and indigenous languages.

Guyana has a population of approximately 80,000 Indigenous Americans made up of nine ethnic groups: Wai Wai, Macuxi, Patamona, Lokono, Kalina, Wapishana, Pemón, Akawayo, and Warao. Each with their respective language. The Kalinagos and the Arawaks were the most prevalent peoples prior to colonization.

Guyana boasts a variety of popular musical rhythms, including calypso, reggae, soca, and chutney. The greatest exponent of Guyanese music is Eddy Grant, as well as Shirland (Shetland, Shurland) Wilson "King Fighter."

Guyanese calypso is a rhythm of Afro-Caribbean origin. It was first created in Trinidad in the 18th century. From there, it was brought to Guyana and Venezuela by Trinidadians who migrated to work in the region, either in mines or on plantations. Calypso is usually sung in English, Spanish, Spanglish, and Jamaican Patuá, making calypso a direct reference for the development of Jamaican reggae. One of the characteristics of Guyanese calypso is its 2/4 and 4/4 time signatures, which are related to other Latin rhythms. It is also danced with hip movements and steps that go back and forth, with a cadence similar to Guaguancó and salsa.



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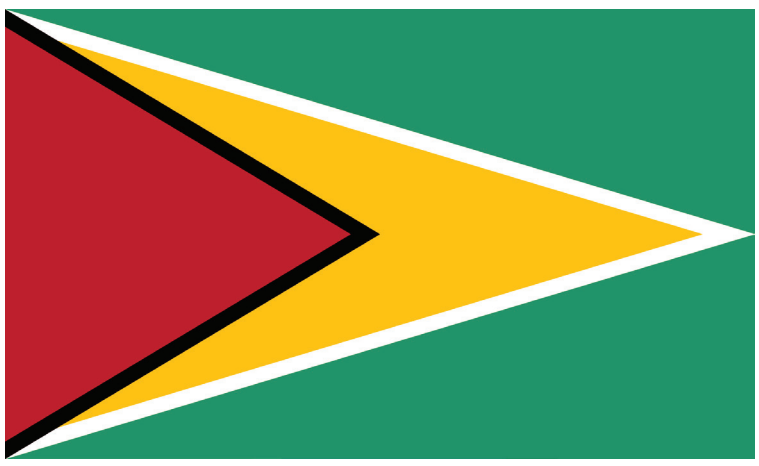
La República Cooperativa de Guyana, comúnmente Guyana o Guyana británica, es uno de los países con menor popularidad en el continente americano, forma parte de la mancomunidad británica desde 1966, cuando lograron su independencia. La Guyana está ubicada en Suramérica entre el río Orinoco y el Río Amazonas, de ahí que su nombre Guyana signifique en lengua Arawak o Arahuaco: "Tierra de muchas aguas". Forma parte de la región conocida como Las Guyanas: Guyana, Surinam y Guyana Francesa.

Su capital es Georgetown.

Sus climas ecuatoriales de bosques húmedos y selvas con grandes cascadas, lagunas cristalinas y playas paradisiacas. Su población es principal es descendiente de la India, así como afrodescendiente.

Su bandera conocida como "Punta de Flecha Dorada" y fue adoptada tras la independencia 1966 del Reino Unido. El color rojo significa el deseo nacional; el amarillo el oro y la riqueza mineral; el verde la selva, agricultura y bosques; el negro la resistencia; y blanco representan el agua.



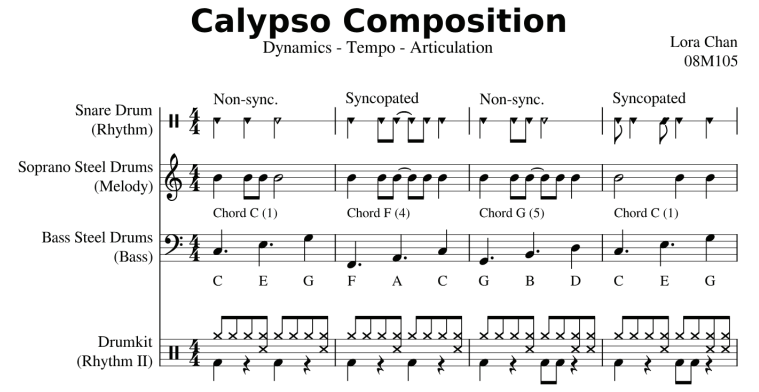
Colinda al norte con Venezuela, al este con Surinam y suroeste con Brasil; con costa en el Atlántico y una población de 826,353 habitantes. Si bien, los primeros exploradores y colonizadores fueron los españoles, pasó al control holandés con una invasión en 1615 y en el 1796 pasó a ser parte de las colonias inglesas, de ahí que en ocasiones se le siga nombrando como la

Guyana Británica para distinguirla de su par la Guyana Francesa. Venezuela la conoce como la Guyana Esequiba, como le llamaron los españoles.

Aunque su lengua oficial es el inglés, la lengua más hablada es el Criollo Guyanés, que desciende principalmente del inglés fusionado con otras lenguas afrodescendientes, así como lenguas indias e indígenas.

Guyana cuenta con una población de aproximadamente 80,000 indígenas americanos conformados por nueve pueblos étnicos: Wai wai, Macuxi, Patamona, Lokono, Kalina, Wapishana, Pemón, Akawayo y Warao; cada uno con su respectiva lengua. Los Kalinagos y los Arahuacos eran los pueblso de mayor presencia previo a la colonización.

Guyana cuenta con diferentes ritmos musicales de gran popularidad, entre ellos el calipso, reggae, soca, chutney. El mayor exponente de la música guyanesa es Eddy Grant, así como Shirland (Shetland, Shurland) Wilson "King Fighter".



El Calipso Guyanés es un ritmo de origen afrocaribeño, fue creado primero en Trinidad en el siglo XVIII, de ahí fue traído por los trinitarios a la Guyana y Venezuela por la migración obligada a trabajar en la región, ya fuere en minas o en plantaciones. El Calipso suele cantarse en inglés, español, espanglish y patuá jamaiquino, de ahí que el Calipso sea una referencia directa para el desarrollo del Reggae jamaiquino. Una de las características del Calipso Guyanés es su tempo de 2/4 y 4/4 que guarda relación otros ritmos latinos, bailándose también con movimientos de cadera y pasos que van hacia adelante y atrás, con una cadencia semejante al guaguancó y la salsa.

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